

THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY, AND THOSE WHO RUN IT

Women Nurses in the Army Commended by the Surgeon General—Edward V. Morgan, Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor—Machines Used to Wrap Agricultural Department Free Seeds.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

At the end of the fiscal year 1902 there were in the service of the United States Army 119 women nurses, 63 of whom were in the Philippines and 56 in the United States. Of those in the Philippines 34 were on duty at the First Reserve Hospital, 6 at Corregidor Island, 5 at Dagupan, 6 at Calamba, and the same number at Iloilo and transferred from Vigan. Of those in the United States, 39 were on duty at the general hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., 9 at Fort Bayard, N. M., and 8 awaiting orders.

The Surgeon General, in his report, speaks of the advantages of having a place in some army hospital in or near Washington where nurses could serve a probationary period. The superintendent would have an opportunity to personally observe each candidate before making recommendations for her permanent appointment, the examinations required by law could be made more thorough, and the risk of assigning unqualified or undesirable nurses to distant hospitals, involving a long and expensive journey, would be minimized.

The nurses seem to have made a place for themselves in army hospitals, and chief surgeons and commanding officers speak in high commendation of their services and conduct.

The total number of men examined for enlistment in the army in 1901, according to the annual report of the Surgeon General of the Army, recently issued, was 58,782, of whom 55,894 were white and 1,888 colored. The number accepted was 36,721. Of every thousand of the accepted men 884.97 were natives of the United States, 32.44 were born in Germany, 24.78 in Ireland, 12.50 in England, 10.81 in Canada, 5.28 in Sweden, 4.49 in Russia, 2.70 in Austria, the remainder in various other countries.

The employees in the War Department enjoyed a short vacation from work on Wednesday, the privilege of which was not given to employees in the other departments. In the afternoon an order was received by the heads of divisions dismissing all those who could be spared at 3 o'clock.

The commissary department is conducting some interesting experiments with "freak" foods intended for the use of troops in the field. Powdered milk, made palatable by the addition of water; pressed bread, a loaf of which can readily be carried in the pocket, and a can, which is also intended to be carried in a man's pocket, but which, strange as it may seem, contains three full meals, are among the most interesting food, inventions being tested by Commissary General Weston. At the commissary department there is a room devoted entirely to "freak" food, through which the general head of the department is always glad to show the interested "light-seer." The shelves covering the walls of this room are filled with an assortment of cans, ingeniously bottled delicacies, strangely shaped loaves of bread, boxes filled with beautiful cakes, into which any small boy would delight to thrust his hand; coffee and tea pressed into small packages; and, in fact, with food of every conceivable kind put up in every way that could be devised by the human mind. A large majority of these novel food inventions are worthless, but now and then the commissary department obtains one which can actually be used with advantage, and which gives additional comfort to the soldier's life.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

There is no small amount of work connected with the filling of the 40,000,000 packages of seeds which are annually sent out by the Agricultural Department. In former years this work was done by hand, and an expert was able in a day of ten hours to fill 3,000 packages. A machine which is now in use will do it much more accurately. It is fed through a large hopper. The seed is measured, the package is opened, the seed is dumped into it, the open end is glued and closed up, and the bag is discharged ready to be mailed.

A plant consisting of sixteen machines has been installed by the Brown Bag Filling Machine Company, of Fitchburg, Mass., for the work this year, in a building on Thirteenth and a-half Street just south of the Agricultural Department. One hundred women are to be employed and the capacity of the plant will be 30,000 packages a day.

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STATE DEPARTMENT.

Edwin V. Morgan, private secretary to Assistant Secretary of State Pelee, has recently had conferred upon him by the President of France the rank of chevalier in the Legion of Honor. In the ceremony attending the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue Mr. Morgan took a prominent part, and the compliment paid him by France is in recognition of his activity upon that occasion. Mr. Morgan is a peculiarly useful man to his chief, being well versed in diplomatic lore and of a most charming personality. The relations existing between him and Assistant Secretary Pelee are those of intimate friendship. Prior to coming to Washington Mr. Morgan was second secretary of the American embassy at St. Petersburg, Russia.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Many geologists are now returning from the field. In consequence John L. Ridgway, in charge of the division of illustrations, is busy upon the preparation of numerous pictures to accompany the various publications of the Survey. Among the papers now in hand for which illustrations will be designed are a monograph on the "Cephalopod Genera in the American Fossils," by Messrs. Hyatt and Smith; "Geology of the Globe Mining District, Arizona," by F. L. Ransome; "Normal and Polluted Waters of the United States," by M. O. Leighton; "Geology of Aseuxy Mountains," by R. A. Daly; "Clastic Dikes," by J. F. Newson; "Drainage Modifications in Southwestern Ohio, and the Adjacent Parts of West Virginia and Kentucky," by W. G. Tipton; "Mesozoic Fossils of the United States," by Lester F. Ward and others.

DISTRICT BUILDING.

C. W. Somerville, computer in the office of the Inspector of Buildings, has accumulated a fund of information relative to accidents in the construction of buildings and the causes of fires in large structures. This information is made use of in the department in studying the plans submitted by architects, with a view to the safety of property and life. When an accident occurs to any building either in course of construction or otherwise in any city of the United States Mr. Somerville sends for the local newspapers containing accounts of it, and sometimes writes to the owners for details. Clippings or letters as the case may be are carefully read by Mr. Somerville and the casualty is classified and filed with others of a similar kind. The same course is pursued with reference to fires, especially when due to faults of construction. This data now extend over several years and are of value to the office when certain faults of construction are under consideration. Mr. Somerville and his associates frequently consult the file in the progress of their daily work.

Henry B. Looker, who has been reappointed Surveyor for a term of four years, has been in the District service since March 5, 1895, when he was made Assistant Surveyor. He was first appointed to his present office August 18, 1897, to fill out the unexpired term of his predecessor. He resigned July 7, 1898, to enlist in the Spanish War, but returned to Washington the following November and was given his old position. Mr. Looker is regarded by the District Commissioners as a capable and efficient official.

The advances from the United States Treasury to meet delinquencies in the District revenues give rise to several knotty problems in bookkeeping in the office of the Auditor. As Alonzo Tweedale, Deputy Auditor, explains the situation, "there is nothing like it on land or sea," and Congress makes appropriations for several objects, and under the laws money so appropriated must be spent for the object named. It happens therefore that the shortage of the District revenues, of about \$2,000,000 has to be carried in the accounts of thirty or forty appropriations which are short in proportion to their amounts. To complicate the problem the appropriations are not all expended in the fiscal year for which they are made, and on the books two accounts of the Treasury advances have to be carried at the same time. Further than that the Treasury requires balances to be made at the end of the calendar year as well as at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Tweedale says these accounts are troublesome even to an expert bookkeeper.

Dr. William C. Woodward, the Health Officer, takes much interest in sanitary affairs outside of the District of Columbia. He is a member of the American Public Health Association which meets in New Orleans the second week in December. In this association he is a member of the committee on demography and statistics in their sanitary relation, and of the committee on the cause, prevention, period of incubation and duration of infectious diseases. Dr. Woodward also belongs to the American Medical Association, which will assemble in New Orleans next spring. He is an active member of the District Medical Association of the District.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Ralph Hills, son-in-law of Senator-elect Gorman, is one of the most capable stenographers in the office of the Surgeon General of the Navy. Since Mr. Hills entered the service of the Government his advancement has been rapid, because of the unusual aptitude shown by him in the affairs of the navy's Medical Bureau. He is one of the most prominent and best tennis players in Washington.

Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, recently expressed his great satisfaction at the reorganization of clerical work effected by his new chief clerk, Mr. Callahan. Modern card files have been introduced and the work has been reappointed among the clerks. It is thoroughly appreciated by Admiral Taylor that the force of clerks in the bureau is entirely inadequate for the amount of work, and it is believed that Congress will be asked to authorize an additional number of men.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Thomas B. Ferguson, governor of Oklahoma Territory, in his preface to a recent report to Secretary Hitchcock says: "In submitting this report permit me to say that Oklahoma is in every respect qualified to take a place among the States of the Union. In population, wealth, and education she is eminently fitted for immediate Statehood. No reasonable argument can be made against it, while the Territory has a vast array of logical arguments in favor of its admission."

The report gives a complete history of the Territory, and chapters on free homes, the population, taxes, settlement of lands, timber-cutting, railroads, public schools, higher institutions of learning, telegraph and telephone systems, agriculture, weather bureau service, stock raising, the Indians, and many others.

F. M. Gurnell, M. D., U. S. N., president of the board of visitors of the Government Hospital for the Insane, has submitted a report to the Secretary of the Interior giving an exhaustive account of the work done by this institution. The admissions for the year were 684, the largest number in the history of the hospital. Of these 297 were from the army, navy and Marine Hospital Service, and 386 from civil life. Of the latter 285 were indigent patients, residents of the District, and 51 were non-residents admitted by order of the District courts. The recoveries number 248, or 35.15 per cent of the admissions, and the deaths 177, which is 6.18 per cent of the whole number under treatment and 8.06 per cent of the average number resident.

The administration of the hospital has continued without material change during the year.

NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Henry A. Pressey, of the division of hydrography, has published a report on the water powers of Maine. It is one of the principal economic features of that State. Similar investigations of other Atlantic States are being carried on by the hydrographic division.

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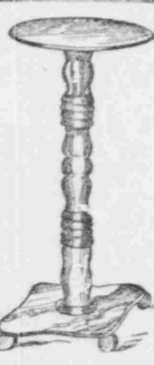
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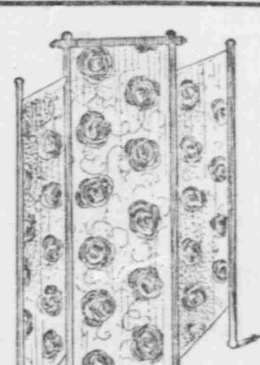
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BELMONT MAY HEAD THE TRACTION MERGER

Has Large Interest in the Combine.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—August Belmont is likely to be the president of the merged street railway system. Financiers, who are interested in the lease of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, say that the news of this week may soon be followed by this and at least one other important announcement concerning the future of August Belmont and George J. Gould and his friends.

"Some months ago, after the installation of electricity on the East Side lines of the Manhattan 'L' had demonstrated that a general adoption of the electric system would result in increased receipts and reduced expenses, Mr. Gould induced some of his friends, including J. D. Rockefeller and J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., to purchase large blocks of Manhattan stock."

Mr. Gould also increased his own holdings at the same time. Something like a pool was formed through Butler Bros., and sufficient of the floating stock absorbed to make the Rockefeller contingent a power in the corporation's affairs. This pool also made it possible to carry out without friction the merger announced Wednesday.

Representation now will be given to both the Gould and Rockefeller interests in the leasing company, the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. Whether this will be accomplished by the resignation of some of the present Interborough directors and the election of Manhattan representatives, or whether there will be formed a new holding company to control the finances of both properties, in which all of the elements will be given representation, is a matter which has not been decided yet. It will depend somewhat upon the advice of the lawyers who are considering the situation.

There is a probability in favor of the incorporation of a company which will father both the Manhattan and Interborough and be managed by the leading financiers of both, it is said. In that case August Belmont will be elected president of the managing company and probably of Manhattan also.

Mr. Belmont's friends say he has now entered the local long-haul rapid-transit field in earnest and intends to devote his future energies to the business. He is, they say, an energetic man with a constitutional love for work, and his loss of the control of the Louisville and Nashville left him without enough to occupy his mind, but free to embark in new enterprises.

STEAMSHIP COLLISION

OFF THE BELGIAN COAST. OSTEND, Nov. 28.—Two steamships, believed to be the Gotha and Hans, have been in collision off the Belgian coast. No details have as yet been received as to the damage.

WHITE HOUSE CHINA NOT TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Colonel Bingham Denies Story Officially.

The report sent out from Washington that the old chinaware of the White House is to be sold at auction as soon as the new dinner set is received, is officially denied by Col. Theodore Bingham, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

"The White House china is never sold," he said, "but is kept in the mansion until it is broken and unfit for use. Many thousands of pieces of china from former Administrations are kept as priceless heirlooms in the White House. The new 'Roosevelt set' of Wedgwood will comprise 1,295 pieces all fashioned after a simple Colonial pattern with the great seal of the United States enameled in colors upon each.

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From James Yemmelier, La Crosse, Wis.: "Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are doing me more good than anything I ever tried, and I was so pleased at results that I gave away several boxes to my friends, who have also had the same benefits."

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